



Project Title

New Land Areas with Fruit Trees in Dibra

Project Type

Economic Development

Project Location

Dibra Functional Area

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

350,000 Euro

Project Background and Analysis

Dibra area is an agricultural area, where agriculture and livestock breeding have the main role for the employment of population. 58.6% of the employed people belong to these sectors. Dibra is also a champion for quality fruit production in Albania due to its favourable geographic position, land composition, and traditions of area inhabitants.

Currently, although about 67-75% of the market consists of apple, cherry, plums, and nuts, the surface area planted with fruits is small: it is about 10% of the total planted land area. Turnover rates of fruit planted lands is high, some 1,600,000 ALL/hectare, however the inhabitants mostly cultivate their lands with cereals and fodder which have a turnover rate of 40,000 ALL/hectare. These last agriculture plants consist of about 82% of the planted area (50% of fodder and 32% of cereals). The area planted with fruit trees should be expanded because the fodder, which is the basic food for livestock breeding, can be a complimentary variety of fruit cultivation.

Although there has recently been a subvention scheme for the support of farmers cultivating fruit trees, the concept of giving a key role to cultivation of fruit trees in Dibra has not yet changed in the area. Farmers in Dibra have not had the financial capacity for the establishment of fruit plantations sites and they have also not relied on the quality of seeds and saplings sold in the market. Together with the high price, the seeds and saplings are suspicious in regard to their true origin and variety. There are many cases when the saplings have proven problematic and the investment has gone for nothing. Another problem is also the lack of knowledge and awareness of other new vegetation variety, regarding their planting methods, cultivation, maintenance, care cycle, and the quality of land for each variety.

Lack of spirit of cooperation among the farmers has been an obstacle for sharing knowledge and expertise, introduction of innovative methods, technology, and non-aggregation of turnover rates from the productions and supporting schemes (subventions or donations).

General Objective: Increasing income of farmer families of Dibra through a developed agriculture and strongly based on the fruit tree cultivation sector.

Specific Objective: Extension of the area cultivated with fruit trees and plants with 25% more than the existing one by 2019, by means of an appropriate supporting infrastructure with good quality, controlled and certified seeds and saplings.

Specific Objectives of the Project

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Expected Results and Project Indicators

Expected Result 1: Dibra area has its sectorial strategy for the agricultural development, which has clear targets and development priorities and has clearly defined the regionalization of agricultural lands.

Expected Result 2: Dibra farmers and specialists of fruit culture have the adequate professional skills on new fruit varieties and new technologies of fruit tree cultivation.

Expected Result 3: At least 4 fruit tree cultivation sites are established in Dibra related to apple, plum, cherry and nut trees, by Dibra specialists, based on the standards of advanced European countries.

Expected Result 4: 500 hectares of new fruit tree site areas are open for the cultivation of apple, plum, cherry, and nut trees in Dibra area.

Project Activities

Sectorial Strategy on Agriculture/regionalization - Establish the working group with agriculture experts - Discuss with the groups of interest - Approval by Municipality and inclusion in the action plan - Promotion and implementation - Capacity development - Practical training sessions for farmers and new experts-

Study tours in Italy or France of the fruit tree cultivation experts - Instructions for fruit tree cultivation experts by foreign experts - Establish 4 apple, plum, cherry, and nut trees cultivation sites - Contracting of 4 experts for cultivation sites according to varieties - Timely quality control of the work process - Sapling certification - Establish fruit tree plantation sites - Define the regional areas for the plantation sites based on their types - Provide the farmers with saplings - Establish apple, plum, cherry, and nut trees plantation sites - Share the experience

Project Maturity

There are several projects and experiences by other various agriculture-focused organizations in Dibra, such as ADAD, supported by FERD (French Association) and the Ministry of Agriculture, which is finalising the regionalization of agriculture map in Albania. To date, the projects have been more on the delivery of technical assistance to farmers and there are several success models in the area regarding all varieties of all fruit tree cultivation. The project is based on this experience and further needs a wider and more sustainable dimension. It will start with the initial value of the chain consisting of fruit tree cultivation and plantation sites. This is the basis for the promotion of a higher quantity of production with a better quality.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

The main stakeholder for the implementation of this project is the Municipality of Peshkopi, which is the beneficiary and guaranteeing stakeholder. Other non-profit organizations can be identified as supporting partners for the project implementation, focused on rural and agricultural development. Also, the Agriculture Directorate in Dibra Municipality is another partner. Funds can be found from various donors, while the Municipality can be a co-funder and guarantor of the project.

Project Cost

Total cost of the project: 350,000 Euro.
Cost of fruit tree cultivation sites: 200,000 Euro (4 cultivation sites with 50,000 Euro each).
Cost of other activities: 150,000 Euro.